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SUBJECT: SUDAN F-5/RADAR SITE SURVEYS

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1. REF A INDICATED THAT SAF DID NOT DESIRE TO HAVE RADAR SITE SURVEY CONDUCTED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH F-5 SURVEY. REF B REPORTED THERE MIGHT BE SOME SUDANESE RESERVATIONS TOWARD PROCURING U.S. RADAR. IN ABSENCE OF DEFINITIVE NEGATIVE DECISION, WE WILL ASSUME GOS REMAINS SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE RADAR SYSTEM, WHICH AS YOU KNOW IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW.

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2. SITE SURVEY. FROM MANAGEMENT POINT OF VIEW, IT WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT TO DOVETAIL RADAR SITE SURVEY INTO CONCLUSION OF F-5 SITE SURVEY. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF F-5 TEAM WOULD ALSO LIKELY PARTICIPATE IN RADAR SURVEY. FURTHER-MORE, RADAR LOA CANNOT BE PROPERLY DEVELOPED FOR FORMAL PRESENTATION TO GOS UNTIL COMPLETION OF SITE SURVEY. THUS DELAY IN SITE SURVEY WILL DELAY PRESENTATION OF LOA.

3. ALTERNATIVE RADAR SYSTEM. TECHNICALLY GOS COULD PROCURE A NON-U.S. RADAR SYSTEM AND MAKE IT AN INTEGRAL PART OF A COMBINED RADAR/F-5 AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. THE F-5, AS WITH ALL AIRCRAFT, IS COMPATIBLE WITH A NUMBER OF RADAR SYSTEMS. IT WOULD, HOWEVER, REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT COORDINATION ON THE PART OF THE SAF TO INSURE THAT THE CONCEPT, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, AND EQUIPMENT COMPATIBILITY AND DELIVERY SCHEDULES FOR THE ENTIRE SYSTEM ARE EFFECTIVELY INTEGRATED. IN SHORT DIVERSIFICATION IN THE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM COULD COMPLICATE THE PROBLEM OF ITS INTEGRATION AND OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY, WITH ASSISTANCE OF F-5 SITE SURVEY TEAM IF DESIRED, DISCUSS PRECEDING IMPLICATIONS OF DELAYING RADAR SITE SURVEY AND GOS PROCUREMENT OF ALTERNATIVE RADAR SYSTEM. VANCE

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